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## **FORT BENNING — ARMY PRIVATE CONVICTED OF TWO COUNTS OF RAPE, SENTENCED TO 48 YEARS CONFINEMENT**

PV2 Dominique A. Upshaw, Battery B, 1/10 FA, 3d BCT, 3ID, Fort Benning, Georgia was convicted of raping two 3d BDE, 3d ID, female Soldiers at a general court-martial on June 25, 2007. The rapes occurred on Ft Benning's Kelley Hill in late October and early November 2006.

PV2 Upshaw stated during trial that he entered the female Soldiers' barracks in the early morning hours and checked for unlocked doors. He eventually either forced open or found an unlocked door and entered the sleeping victims' rooms. PV2 Upshaw admitted during trial that he raped and physically assaulted both of the Soldiers, striking one multiple times in the head and upper torso with a closed fist. The two victims testified during the sentencing phase of the trial on the prolonged effect these rapes have had on their lives.

Both victims provided physical descriptions for Fort Benning sketch artists, which led Criminal Investigation Division agents and military officials to apprehend PV2 Upshaw. PV2 Upshaw admitted to both rapes and was apprehended on November 8, 2006.

A military judge sentenced PV2 Upshaw to be reduced to E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be given a dishonorable discharge, and to be confined for 48 years. PV2 Upshaw will serve his sentence at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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